

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 4782

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR UR US WB  
SUBJECT: LETTER TO AMBASSADOR ON RUDOLF HESS

REF: BONN 5989

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED LETTER ADDRESSED TO AMBASSADOR FROM MERRELL FRAZER, JR. OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, WHO SIGNS HIMSELF AS "ATTORNEY FOR RUDOLF HESS." LETTER IS DATED MARCH 7, POSTMARKED AUSTIN 787. ENVELOPE IS STAMPED "CONFIDENTIAL" AND "URGENT", AND ADDRESSED TO THE AMBASSADOR VIA "DEPARTMENT OF STATE (RUSSIAN DESK)." IT WAS RECEIVED HERE MARCH 19. FIRST PARAGRAPH OF LETTER STATES IT IS "SUPPLEMENT" TO A COMMUNIQUE OF FEBRUARY 25 "TO PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER AND SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE CONCERNING THE CONTINUED INCARCERATION IN BERLIN'S SPANDAU FORTRESS OF FORMER NAZI DEPUTY FUREHRER RUFOLD HESS."

2. INTER ALIA FRAZER ALSO STATES THAT HE IS "PREPARING TO COME DIRECTLY TO MOSCOW AND TO MAKE A DIRECT PLEA TO CONFIDENTIAL

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THE SOVIET PRESIDUM AND TO CHAIRMAN BREZHVEV (SIC) AND I WOULD LIKE TO SEEK YOUR AIDE (SIC) AND ASSISTANCE AND THE ASSISTANCE OF YOUR OFFICE IN THIS APPEAL." SPECIFICALLY, FRAZER REQUEST "A DOSSIER OF THE CURRENT SOVIET SENTIMENT" REGARDING HESS, A "PERSONAL ASSESSMENT," AND "ADVISE (SIC) AND SUGGESTIONS" ON MAKING THE APPEAL TO THE SOVIETS.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT CLEARANCE FOR AMBASSADORIAL REPLY WHICH WOULD BEGIN BY DRAWING ON PARA ONE OF TEXT RANSMITTED REFTEL AND WOULD SUGGEST THAT BEFORE DECIDING ON A TRIP TO THE SOVIET UNION FRAIZER CONTACT DEPARTMENT AND DISCUSS HIS PLANS. IN LATTER CONNECTION, WE WOULD APPRECIATE NAME AND OFFICE OF APPROPRIATE CONTACT IN DEPARTMENT FOR INCLUSION IN LETTER.

4. COMMENT: REGARDLESS OF FRAZER'S PLANS, WE DOUBT SOVIETS WILL BE WILLING TO GIVE HIM A VISA IF THEY GET WIND OF WHY HE WISHES TO COME.  
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